

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday, April 21, 2014 with Commissioners Bruce Levi, Ken Masters, Mark Bacon; Mary Ann Beard, Auditor and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Bruce Levi called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the meeting of April 7th were approved on a motion by Ken Masters and seconded by Mark Bacon. Minutes of the meeting conducted on April 11th were approved on a motion by Mark Bacon and seconded by Ken Masters.

HEALTH

Terri Nigh submitted the Rush County Health Department's annual report. A request for Marge Amos to conduct an Emergency Preparedness Point of Distribution exercise on May 9th at 3:00p.m. was approved on a motion from Mark Bacon. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TREASURER

Treasurer Cindy Humphrey presented the monthly report for March 2014 and March 2013 to compare the fiscal report from last year. Humphrey reported that tax bills were mailed March 31st and complaints have been few. Property tax deadline is Monday, May 12th.

RIDE RUSH

The quarterly report for the Department of Transportation Reimbursement Grant for Ride Rush was presented by Tina Logan. Logan explained that the figures on the report were not correct but INDOT was correcting the amounts. The Commissioners concluded that the correct figures should be on the report before they could sign it. Mrs. Logan was instructed to return on May 5th.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chamber of Commerce director, Sandy Fussner announced that the Chamber has initiated a Community Calendar on their website. Organizations and not for profit entities may post events on this new calendar.

SHERIFF

In a report from the Sheriff's Department, the inmate population currently stands at 43. The new sheriff vehicles are in the process of being delivered.

BONDS

Surety bonds in the amount of \$15,000 were signed for Patricia Muir and Patricia Norris on a motion by Mark Bacon. Ken Masters seconded the motion.

AREA PLAN

Marvin Rees, Surveyor and interim APC director announced that the APC meeting set for April 22nd has been re-scheduled for April 29th.

Zoning Request-A request from Kemps Salvage Store to rezone 15 acres from A3 Agriculture to A2 Ag retail was approved on a motion by Mark Bacon. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Chicken Ordinance-Mr. Rees requested consideration for a foul ordinance on less than 10 acres. A scorecard has been developed which would determine if the request would be permitted, require a special exception or be denied.

Juanita Howard, Carthage Pike and Phil Shanahan of Sexton both aired problems that they have been experiencing with chickens in a residential area. Mr. Shanahan contributed pictures of the deplorable conditions in his neighborhood. After hearing concerns from the public, the Commissioners concluded that there are restrictions for the code but there are no violations or remedies to accompany the ordinance. Mark Bacon moved to send the ordinance back to the APC to define how to enforce their proposal. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Jerry Sitton was absent due to illness.

FENCE DISPUTE

County Attorney, Leigh Morning addressed a complaint from a property owner whose adjoining property owner refuses to pay half of the cost of a fence that divides their property. Indiana Code revealed that the process begins with the township trustee.

Bi-weekly claims were approved by Mark Bacon with Ken Masters offering a second. Payroll claims were signed on a motion by Ken Masters. Mark Bacon seconded the motion. Ken Masters moved to adjourn. Mark Bacon offered a second. Motion carried.

/s/ Bruce Levi
Bruce Levi, Chairman

/s/ Mark Bacon
Mark Bacon

/s/ Ken Masters
Ken Masters

ATTEST:

/s/ Mary Ann Beard
Mary Ann Beard, Auditor